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## At Odds With The Law

The editorial below appeared in THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER on Jan. 1, 1976, which says that this newspaper has been saying for years - and says it is now - that the present law is not being enforced to the same degree everywhere, and apparently must be changed (or a penalty DWI charge). That is in City

imposed for not enforcing). A local student of the law and enforcement informs us that in the plans presented by Chief Justice Heflin, We hope there are provisions for uniform enforcement. Locally, Judge Stokes automatically reduces the first DWI charge. That is in City

FOR SOME TIME now we've been commenting on the drunk driver problem, and the in-adequate enforcement of laws concerning same.

The most serious matter in this regard has been that of judges who reduce drunk driver charges to the lesser offense of reckless driving.

According to Attorney General decisions, and even the Alabama Code, this is not legal. Yet judges do it all the time and will most likely continue to unless something is done about the inequity of the law.

Almost as a daily diet, we see reports of drivers apprehended for driving while intoxicated.

The average sentence for DWI is a \$100 to \$200 fine and the revocation of the offender's driver's license.

The fine is variable, the loss of license is not. According to the Alabama Code, a person convicted of DWI must forfeit his license for a minimum of six months.

There's no leeway, no exception. That's the law.

As to the remainder of the punishment, that's another story.

First, we're bound to City Court, the most the judge can give you is a \$200 fine and six months in the cooler. The judge can use his discretion downward, but the maximum is set at \$200 and six months in jail.

In County Court, the drunk driver can be given fines up to \$1,000 and a year in jail, or both.

In both city and county, however, the six-month revocation is set. The judge has no discretion in that matter.

Why, you may ask, can the county judge hand out a much stiffer penalty than a city magistrate?

ACTUALLY, THE city judge has more clout than he did three years ago. Then he could only give a fine of \$100 and costs and six months in jail.

The Legislature was talked into upping the fine, but still not high enough to deter.

The reasoning here was that with all the little towns in Alabama, some unincorporated city and town judges could go into a lucrative business hauling in drunk drivers.

The town cop could wait outside the country club and pay off the city debt in one night if cities had the same maximum as is permitted counties - at least that was the reasoning of the Legislature.

This explains some of the inequity.

Now we come to the fact that some judges still reduce DWIs to rockless driving.

The fine isn't the problem, in most cases; it's the matter of loss of license.

Some stalwart citizen who makes the mistake of having a couple too many and then driving home is, if apprehended and charged for drunken driving, faced with the certainty of losing

## POEM

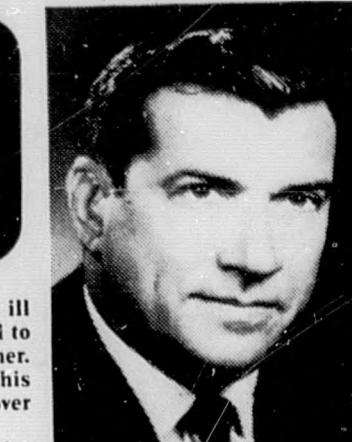
THE NEW YEAR  
The old year has gone  
With its joy and sorrow,  
Young creatures were born  
Yesterday, today and to-  
morrow.

According to the law  
Set forth in the beginning,  
The time cycle in motion  
Eternally never ending.

As the days continue to come  
And nights continue to go,  
Life is only a shadow  
Soon to be no more.

All former things forgotten  
A new life we will begin,  
With him who made the uni-  
verse  
And planted us within.

ELMO ROBERTS

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answersCommon-Situs  
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Recently, and the doctor had to come to the house to treat her. Will her Medicare pay for his visit, or does she cover effects of the doctor?

A Medicare's medical insurance helps pay for covered services your mother receives from her doctor, or from others in her home, in his office, in a hospital or skilled nursing facility, or in any other location in the U.S. Medicare Handbook explains what doctors' services are covered, and how medical insurance pays for them. If your mother doesn't have a copy of the handbook, she can get one at any social security office.

This is why many will reduce a car to reckless driving on first offense, even though it's not legal.

The judges don't like the corner they're placed in, yet they feel it's hardly fair to the semi-innocent citizen who must face them.

The Public Safety people, however, tend to take a stern view toward drunk driving, and justifiably so. In fact, they would like to see the entire little stiffer.

In all, it's a mess.

IT CERTAINLY isn't what we have come to think of as fair and equal administration of justice.

The habitual drunk driver should be banned from the roads.

For second and subsequent offenses, no boot should be too heavy to be thrown at them.

But as the law stands now, inequity shall prevail.

Justice might well be better served if judges had some discretionary power to set punishment for first offenders.

A. You can't just social security now. Prompt notice helps assure delivery of your check to your new address without delay or inconvenience. You can report changes on the change-of-address form which is printed on the back of the envelope your check is delivered in. To sum up, give both your old and new address, including ZIP codes - and the social security claim number which appears on your social security check.

My neighbor is 71 and the only income she has is from a small apartment in her home. Could she qualify for supplemental security income?

A. She may be eligible if she has limited resources and her income is low.

You can get information about applying for supplemental security income payments by calling or writing to any social security office.

THE BABIES OF TROY

Two or three weeks ago, I went up to Troy to judge a baby contest. Well sir, it was a crazy one, the reasoning being that the babies were entered by doting grandparents, ranged in age from about six to sixteen. Can you imagine?

Marta Hall, whose husband is head of publicity at Troy State, was the only one to move her baby beyond the contest, and it was a huge success, all in the interest of sweet charity for the babies.

There were over 200 entries, so you can imagine what a job Ed

had.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is inexcusable. Yet it's done every day. And it's not confined to blue collar workers.

Preachers, high government officials, police officers, people from every walk of life at one time or another have been guilty. Which should be more equitable, more flexible for first offenders, and stiffer for chronic offenders.

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"Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. Unsatisfactory is the future of that country which has

#### WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT

Many County farm-ers are determined whether to have their damaged areas clear cut or just thin-tened. If more than 40% of the trees are fallen, damaged and the remaining 60% are stand-er, it might pay to have every-thing taken out; however, if small trees are still stand-ing, it would be advisable to just clean out the diseased and damaged trees, letting the other stand and thin out the remaining trees. Our secre-tary Randy Wilson.

Our leader, Linda Hillsworth, passed out the posters and ribbons to all the winners. They are as follows:

1st place - Randy Wilson  
2nd place - Linda Lowery  
3rd place - Kim Scott  
4th place - Cindy Campbell, Reporter

DANIEL WEBSTER

Never have words been so true as these: "Our country's future will also depend on Agriculture. It has been

put to the test in several times in the last week. The important raw

farm products are playing in

the market place.

Plans should be made now

for the coming year to make in your woodland next fall.

A cost-sharing program will probably be available to assist in making these im-provements.

If you need help in making these de-signs or in technical de-ments, contact your local Soil Conservation technical or county forester.

#### TERRAZES AND WATERWAYS

Two of the most common con-versation topics ap-plied on the land are terraces and waterways. Terraces are the side of a hill cut into shorter, more controllable watersheds and carry the water to a safe outlet at a slow rate.

The waterways used

where a drain exists in the field and terraces have to be omitted. The grass is planted in the floor of the waterway to protect the soil and prevent wash-off. It is vital that the soil is fer-tiled and limed to maintain a healthy stand of grass.

Several farmers over the

grassed waterways con-structed.

Theirs are Charles

Farris, West Enterprise; G.C. Nicholson, Elba; Harold Roden, Elba, and others.

These folks realize the im-

portance of a good terrace system and grassed outlets. Bill

Reynolds, Kinston, in the

area, has a terrace system

over 5000 feet of ter-races connecting two fields that had been separated for years.

Not only is water and

since the terraces are par-

allel, he can follow the terraces with his tillage practices.

Again, to emphasize the

importance of maintaining your terraces by plowing them up good and often, we would like to encourage the members to do the same.

The Devotional and pledges were led by our vice-president, the role was called and min-utes were taken by our secre-tary Randy Wilson.

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Mrs. Bragg's 4-H Boys

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4:00 P.M. FRIDAY.

After the program, the pre-sident adjourned the meeting

service Service personnel. If they do, then you can feel con-fident that your land will con-tinue to produce without a loss of productivity.

The greatest threat to

soil conservation is one of

the greatest plagues on yields of

peanuts, corn, grain sorghum and all other crops. Sharp reduc-tions in yield are caused by the

loss of soil, which soil will

substantially less than the same

soil with 6 inches of topsoil.

Roots of wheat planted

on the topsoil will not

provide a winter cover, adds

organic matter and nutrients

to the soil.

During the winter, the

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of the soil after mowing,

the caustic over clean could

eat up this may cause smoke

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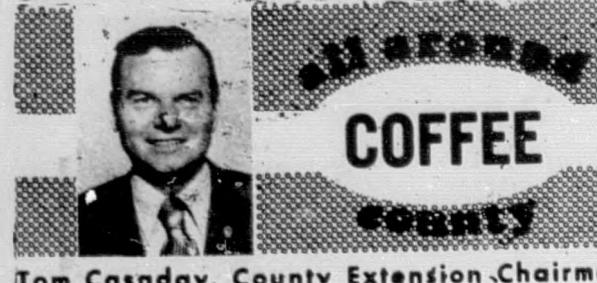
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Tom Casady, County Extension Chairman

**BEF CATTLE**  
Farms are always going to be loved by cattle producers. Some of the folks I talk to indicate that things are not good in the fall of '76. When we do get an upturn, it may last for several years. I certainly want Coffee County producers to do the maximum advantage of the upturn. If you would like to do this is to plan now to re-fertilize pastures in '76.

At Auburn point out that our producers in Coffee County grow cattle for market. They say that we must add to produce heavier weight cattle. At the present time, we do not have a good market for light calves and we need a more flexible industry. In other words, we don't need to get into a heavy weight cattle weight cal situation because we will get hurt again as we have in the last two or three years. Producers will need to get into a position where they can carry calves when the market is not good for buying or slaughtering. I think we will see more of this in Coffee County.

**SHORTCOURSES**  
Coffee County leads the state in the number of short-courses for farm people and other citizens of the county. We would like to send other counties: we simply want to help provide the latest research information for Coffee County. Short-courses and meetings are excellent ways to bridge the gap between research and use by the people.

Beginning the night of January 3, we are having a one-night power short course at 7:00 at the Farm Center. Then on Thursday morning, January 4, at 9:00, we are having an irrigation meeting. I hope that all those folks who have a special interest in irrigation will attend. Then on Thursday night, January 8, Dr. John Headrick, our Soil Specialist, will discuss soil production in the county. These are three opportunities for a 48-hour period to catch up the latest research information on peanut irrigation and soybean information.

On January 13 and 15, we have a futures trading short-course arranged. This will also be at the Farm Center, starting at 7:00 p.m. each night. Specialties from Auburn will conduct the course.

You don't have to be a farmer to participate in any of these meetings. If you are interested in attending, please call us. If you need further information, call us at 894-5596.

**FENCES**  
All is not beautiful in Coff-

mented are Celeste and Brown Turkey. On farms, the varieties recommended are Nectar, Red, Crimson and Oak Leaf. Premier, Peach varieties are Springbrite, Redcap, Loring, Redcap.

We have a complete list of blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and others. If you have a special interest, call us and we will give you the latest recommendations.

**PEANUT ALLOCATIONS**  
I get quite a few calls from farmers wanting to rent or lease additional peanut acreage. Of course, I am not in a position to have any interest in a fence for over a year, but I will have leases for rent or lease to find the best price of an inch.

The County ASC Committee is responsible for local administration of Government farm programs such as acreage limitation, loans, insurance, etc.

Long term rental and lease arrangements are going to be more difficult to negotiate because of the uncertainty of the market. The year 1976 will be a period of transition all over the southeast.

Materials available now that can be put out prior to build a fence or rent after a fence is built to cover that period in most cases an annual application is needed. We hope to have a new committee in the county committee in farm program administration and keep farmers informed of program provisions.

Refrigerators and cold

drills will be available on the Riding Club grounds.

Upon reaching Fort Rucker,

they will be horse show signs to guide to the Riding Club area.

### English Named To ASC Committee

Robert English, a well-known Coffee County farmer was named to the County Ag-

ricultural Stabilization and

Conservation (ASC) committee by delegates to the ASC meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 1975, at 9:00 a.m. in the ASC's Office Center in New Brock-

### Safe Tire Law To Be Enforced

Rucker To Host

Horse Show

The Fort Rucker Riding Club will host an American Quarter Horse Association show on January 2, 1976. This

will be in conjunction with two shows which will be held in Elba on January 4 and 5. There will be high point awards and high point adult awards.

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Please accept our appreciation and sincere thanks for letting us serve YOU this past year.

Sometimes in the rush of business, we fail to say THANKS loud enough to be heard, but you can be sure your patronage is never taken for granted. Our aim is to please and satisfy YOU.

Serving you is a real privilege.

Looking forward to seeing you in 1976—"BEST WISHES" Cliff Kersey

and Entire Staff-

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### Funeral Services Held For Mr. Hill Thomas

Burial was in the church cemetery with Stacey Funeral Home directing. He died Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lena F. Thomas, three

daughters, Mrs. Horace Windham, Mrs. Clayton Hickman and Mrs. Sam Moore of Elba; three sons, H. T. Thomas, D. Thomas, Orland, Fla.; Miles D. Thomas, Orland, Fla., and Denette Thomas, Alabamy, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Hall, New Haven, and Mrs. Katie Lee Harrison, Pensacola; 22 grandchildren and eight grandchildren.



KIMBO NEWBORN

Mr. and Mrs. Roney Nichols, Forrest Ave., Elba, announce the birth of a son, Kimbo, on December 23rd at 12:44 p.m. in an Elba Hospital. Kimbo, as he was born, weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Nicholas, of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. J. V. Thorne

and the late Mr. Thorne and the late Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Nicholas, of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spann, of the Basic community. She is the daughter of Elba High School and is presently attending Troy State Junior College.

Mr. Jacobs is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Nicholas, of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, of Elba.

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Grandparents are Mrs. Gladys Kyle, Columbus, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Priddy, of Elba.

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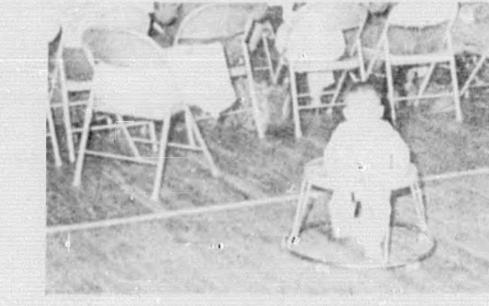
If the head cook will eat it, it must be safe.



Families get to sample the army chow as well as the feel of waiting in line.



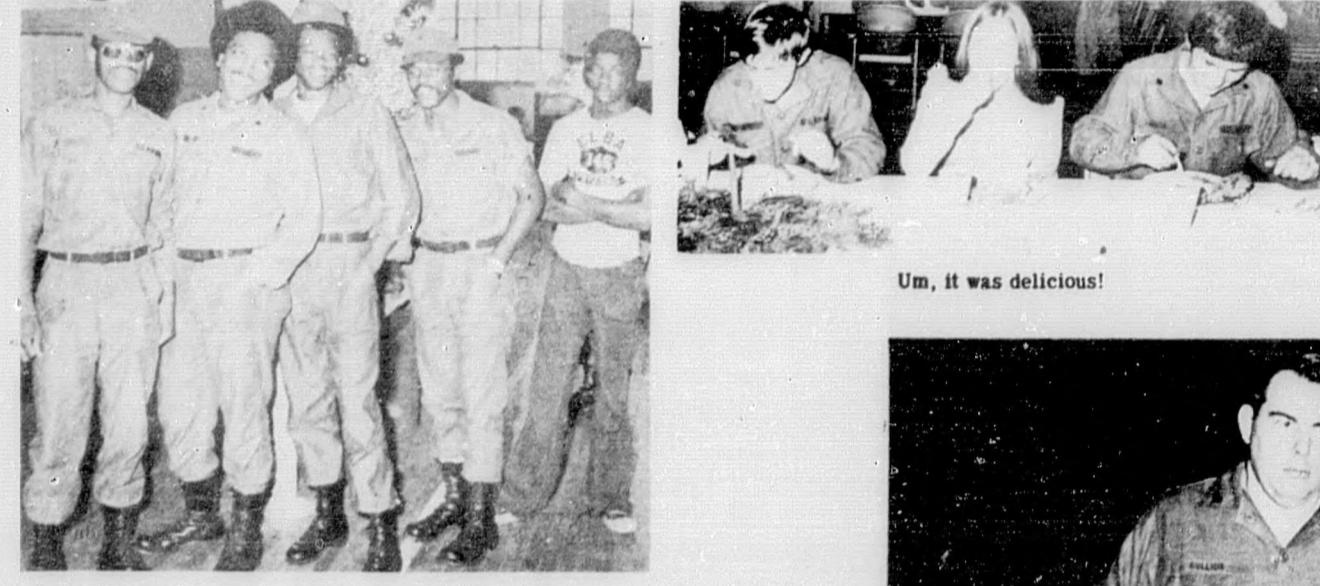
First served -----first full.



But I told you "I don't like army chow."



Cpt. Norman's twins prefer lawn mower ride to eating.



Um, it was delicious!



When I finish eating all of this my cap should fit.



The more the army changes the more it remains the same according to these K-P's.



"Buffalo Soldiers" is the title these black guardmen call themselves.



Gullion assured everyone that these 2 plates were not both for him -- but do we believe that?

## LOCAL GUARD HOSTS FAMILY DAY

A pictorial review is shown of the annual Christmas dinner held by the local national guard.

Company B, 2nd Bn, 152 Armor.

Each year the guardmen, their families and guests gather to enjoy the meal prepared by members of the unit.

Over 200 persons attended the get-together at the local armory on N. Claxton Ave.

## SALE STARTS FRIDAY

DeVANE'S

Famous Semi-Annual Sale

LADIES' DRESSES - SPORTSWEAR

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Children's Wear

Men's Pants,  
Shirts, Ties,  
SweatersFew Girls' Coats left  
at reduced pricesSOME ITEMS  
DISCOUNTED  
MORE THAN 1/2FRIDAY &  
DeVANE'S SATURDAY  
Jan. 2 & 3

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Sgt. Reeves was presented recognition for his outstanding service as a civilian employee of the local national guard unit. He was also cited for his performance as guardman with Company B, 2nd Bn, 152 Armor.

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## VICTORIA CHRISTMAS BARBECUE



These folks from Victoria and other communities stand contented around the fire that

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barbecue is an annual affair and features additional menu fare of rice, slaw and bread.

A portable TV stand will move easily and effortlessly if wheels or casters are eased with petroleum jelly.

Inside or outside, standing or sitting, the food was enjoyed by everyone present at the barbecue.

PRESENTING... due to popular interest THE 5-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING

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ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE  
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Bobby Bullard and Whitewater, For Batt, Larry Bradshaw Show off 13 bass they caught last Monday out of Sally.

They used the "snagless

of Sally."

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WILL BE DUE

January 1, 1976

Delinquent  
February 1st

Notice That A New License Schedule Became

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Your Application For License.

There Will A Penalty Fee Plus Interest Charged

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Jack Prescott, City Clerk

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Don Messick 347-8866

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FAMILY LAWYER

by Will Bernard

tion of the violence) that an inter-

venor must resort to excessive

force.

In one case the foreman of

construction crew was two work-

men having an argument. When

one started over and punched him

in the head, the foreman hit him

with a shovel.

In another case the jury decided the

foreman was in the right.

Generally speaking, courts tend

to recognize a right-to-inter-

vene that is reasonable, a logical

outgrowth of the ancient right of

self-defense.

The court may do for himself,

or another, what he may do for

another.

Of course the law prefers a call

to the police if that is possible.

In one case the law was not

available.

The law also insists that

before he went into action,

the boy had already set peaceably

down.

Result: The father of a six-year

old girl became enraged when he

saw a teen boy teasing his daughter

at the bus stop. The boy

stared him down and the boy

got the girl to stop teasing her

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Appeals For  
Federal Help

## City Council Plans Additional Sales Tax

The voters of Elba will at least have a chance to vote on 17 constitutional amendments. Judging from the complete lack of interest in the city, it is highly probable that Coffee County folks will set a new low on voter turnout. One local official, the county tax assessor and tax collector on a salary and all fees will be paid into the county treasury. This was based partly on the fact that many folks don't even realize there is an election scheduled.

Only three of the amendments will affect the state at large; the others are pertaining to single counties. Alabama's out-of-control legislature has passed changes that may affect government changes that vary from state constitution to state statute. It may only affect one office in one county. Many voters simply don't vote on these at all or will abstain if they don't feel it will affect them if they don't even know what it is.

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any of its efficiency even if it meant more taxes. This started the discussion on the additional tax and the idea of cutting the police force was raised.

Councilman Ronnie Vaughan stated that he had been against the idea of additional tax for many years.

Mayor Sawyer and the councilmen worked to prepare the city for the next meeting with a prepared city ordinance to be presented by the councilmen to the public.

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